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Gold mining has played only a minor role in the Kolyma area (N68-44, E158-36) of Northeast Siberia since the end of World War II. The mining equipment in this area was modernized at an unusually rapid tempo and mining by hand replaced by mechanical methods. The modernization of the available mines was done to exploit the uranium ore deposits found there. The ore mined was washed and sorted on the spot and packed in sealed sacks, which were flown to an undetermined place. Shipping operations were controlled by MVD personnel. Living conditions for convicts in this area have improved considerably.

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